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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: PFOR, CS, PN

SUBJECT: PRESS BRIEFING GUIDANCE ON RETURN OF VESCO PLANE
TO U.S.

FOLLOWING WAS PREPARED FOR MONDAY PRESS BRIEFING BUT
QUESTION DID NOT ARISE:

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT VESCO'S 707 JET BEING TAKEN
FROM PANAMA AND FLOWN TO NEWARK, N.J.?

ADVISORY: THE N.Y. TIMES MAY 11 SAID A PILOT NAMED ALWYN
EISENHAUER TOOK THE 707 FROM PANAMA WITHOUT VESCO'S
KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT AND FLEW IT TO NEW JERSEY UNDER A NEW
JERSEY COURT APPROVED ARRANGEMENT WITH THE RECEIVER FOR ONE
OF VESCO'S COMPANIES.

A: WE DON'T KNOW THE FACTS OF THIS INCIDENT AND SO I'M NOT
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IN A POSITION TO COMMENT.

Q: HAVE THE PANAMANIAN PROTESTED?

A: NO. WE HAVE HAD NO WORD FROM THE PANAMA AUTHORITIES.

Q: WAS THE USG CONSULTED PRIOR TO THE "RECOVERY" OF THE PLANE BY THE NEW JERSEY COURT OR THE VESCO RECEIVER?

A: NOT THAT I AM AWARE OF.

Q: THE TIMES QUOTES A STATE DEPARTMENT LEGAL EXPERT AS SAYING THE INCIDENT COULD BE A VIOLATION OF PANAMA SOVEREIGNTY. IS THIS CORRECT?

A: AS I SAID I DON'T KNOW THE FACTS OF THE CASE AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT IF ANY PANAMA LAW APPLIES TO THE CASE.

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